



FY 2007 FLOOD MITIGATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

BACKGROUND

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program provides funding to States, Indian tribal governments, and communities so that cost-effective measures are taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The long-term goal of FMA is to reduce or eliminate claims under the NFIP through mitigation activities.

FY 2007 FMA PRIORITY

Priority: The FY 2007 FMA priority is to fund flood mitigation activities that reduce the number of repetitive loss structures currently insured by the NFIP. **Applications for FY 2007 FMA funds will be accepted until February 28, 2007**, for eligible, cost-effective flood mitigation activities that will reduce the risk of flood losses to any property currently insured under the NFIP, whether repetitive loss or not.

FY 2007 FMA Guidance: FY 2007 FMA guidance document and additional guidance materials, such as FEMA 299, Agreement Articles or the eGrants Help Desk are available from the FEMA Regional Office or on the FEMA web page:

www.fema.gov/fima/fma.shtm

USES OF FUNDS

Funds: FY 2007 FMA funding is available for State allocations for Planning, Project and Technical Assistance grants, and for administrative costs to support the FMA program.

Eligible Project Activities: Only those projects listed in 44 CFR §78.12 are eligible for FMA grant awards.

Eligible Planning Activities: Planning activities that develop State, Indian tribal, and local Flood Mitigation Plans that meet the planning criteria outlined in 44 CFR §78.5.

Eligible Technical Assistance Activities:

- Solicitation, review, and processing of sub-applications;
- Assistance to Sub-applicants for engineering feasibility, BCA, and Environmental and Historic Preservation documentation;
- Geo-coding mitigation projects;
- Managing grants;
- Technical monitoring;
- Plan reviews and planning workshops;
- Computer or GIS equipment (up to 15%); and
- State FMA Point-of-Contact's salary, and his/her FMA related training and travel expenses

Cost-share: 75% Federal/25% non-Federal. Of this amount, **not more than one half** may be provided from in-kind contributions. 90% Federal/10% non-federal for severe repetitive loss properties in certain situations with approved State plan..

Ineligible Project Activities:

- Major flood control projects;
- Dry floodproofing of residential structures;
- Demolition and rebuild projects;
- Phased or partial projects;
- Studies that do not result in a completed mitigation project;
- Flood studies or flood mapping;
- Maintenance or repair projects;
- Generators, and related equipment;
- Warning and alert notification systems; and
- Response and communication equipment

Ineligible Planning Activities:

- Flood studies or flood mapping;
- Risk assessments, technical assistance, information dissemination or workshops not resulting in a FEMA-approved Flood Mitigation Plan;
- Ground disturbing activities; and
- Non-flood planning activities.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicant Eligibility: Only the following entities are eligible to apply to FEMA as Applicants: State emergency management agencies or a similar office (*i.e.*, the office that has primary emergency management or floodplain management responsibility) of the State; the District of Columbia; the U.S. Virgin Islands; the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; American Samoa; the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments. Each State, Territory, or tribal government shall designate one agency to serve as the Applicant for the FMA program.

Sub-applicant Eligibility: State-level agencies; Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments; and local communities (to include State-recognized Indian tribes, authorized Indian tribal organizations, and Alaska Native villages) are eligible to apply to the Applicant for assistance. Private individuals and private non-profit (PNP) organizations are **not** eligible Sub-applicants; however, a relevant State agency or local community may apply to the Applicant for assistance to mitigate private or PNP structures.

NFIP Participation: All Applicants and Sub-applicants must be participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and must not be on probation, suspended or withdrawn from the NFIP. FMA funds shall not be awarded for activities in non-participating communities. Property owners must have a current flood insurance policy on the structure to be mitigated at the time of project application.

Mitigation Plan Requirement: To be eligible for Project grants, an eligible Sub-applicant must develop, and have approved by the FEMA Regional Director, a Flood Mitigation Plan in accordance with 44 CFR §78.5, at a minimum, by the close of the application period.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Process: FEMA requires Applicants to use the Electronic Grant Management System (*eGrants*). Only FMA grant applications submitted through *eGrants* will be accepted. If a Sub-applicant does not use the *eGrants* system, the Applicant **MUST** enter the Sub-applicant's paper sub-application(s) into *eGrants* on their behalf using the Paper Sub-application Intake function. Planning and Project sub-applications that follow the *eGrants* format are available for Sub-applicants to print from the *eGrants* website. Applicants may provide paper supporting documentation that cannot be electronically attached to the *eGrants* application (*e.g.*, engineering drawings, photos, maps, etc.).

Benefit-Cost Analysis: A Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA) is required for all mitigation project sub-applications and must be completed by Applicants/Sub-applicants. A BCA will be required for all properties, including substantially damaged structures. The pilot alternate determination of cost-effectiveness may be used for certain insured NFIP repetitive flood loss properties.

eGrants: FEMA offers technical assistance regarding the *eGrants* system through the *eGrants* Helpdesk: 1-866-476-0544 or mtegrants@dhs.gov

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Application Timeline: Grant applications for FY 2007 FMA program funds must be received by the Director of the Applicant's respective FEMA Regional Office **by February 28, 2007, 11:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time**. Funds may be reallocated to other States and Territories within the Region if any State/Territory does not submit applications for the full amount of its Target Allocation by February 28, 2007.

Eligible Applicants are encouraged to submit applications for funds in excess of their Target Allocation for Planning or Project activities, which will then be considered for additional FMA funding.

Application Deadline: The FY 2007 deadline for States and Territories to submit grant applications to FEMA is **February 28, 2007**. **No applications for FY 2007 FMA grants will be accepted after this deadline.**